

## WEATHER.

Pair tonight and tomorrow: moderate to warm.  
Temperature for twenty-four hours ended at 2 p.m. today: Highest, 87, at 4:30 p.m. yesterday; lowest, 65, at 4:30 a.m. today.  
Full report on page seven.

Closing New York Stocks, Page 18.

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TWO CENTS.

## ROBBER HOLDS UP BANK BRANCH AND FLEES WITH \$1,000

Cashier of Georgia Avenue  
Institution, Facing Pistol,  
Turns Over Cash.

## BANDIT FORCES MOTORIST TO SPEED HIM TO SAFETY

Escapes Shot Fired by Cashier in  
Second Bank Robbery in His-  
tory of District.

A lone robber held up the cashier of a branch of the People's Commercial and Savings Bank, at 3608 Georgia avenue, today, and made away with about \$1,000 in ten and twenty-dollar bills, effecting his escape by forcing a passing automobile to carry him away.

Entering the bank at 11:45 o'clock, following a conversation with President J. T. Clancy earlier in the morning, the robber pointed a pistol at Ernest L. Brown, the cashier.

"Don't move, and pass me over all the ten and twenty-dollar bills you have," he ordered.

Cashier Brown shoved over a roll of bills, which the robber took, backing out to the front door. He dropped two twenty-dollar bills in his hurry.

As the robber started south on Georgia avenue Brown fired at him, and believed at first that he had hit him, but it was developed later that he missed the traces of the bullet being found under a step.

Running to Sherman avenue and Park road the robber stopped A. B. Clemmer of 761 Harvard street, who was passing the bank.

"This is an emergency case," cried the man, leveling his revolver at Clemmer. "I want to go to the hospital."

He dropped his gun, but immediately recovered it, and stepped into the car, forcing Mr. Clemmer to drive him away. At 14th street and Columbia road the robber ordered Clemmer to stop.

Mr. Clemmer sped to the tenth precinct, where he was told that the man who had been shot was not known at the time of the robbery.

Police Take Up Hunt.  
Mrs. N. C. Rogers of 3500 Georgia avenue, and Charles Williams, employed there, witnessed the shot fired after the robbery.

Report of the robbery immediately brought in a number of police, who were acting chief of detectives, and Detective Pratt and Darnell to the scene of the robbery.

The man was described to be between twenty-two and twenty-five years old, by various people who saw him, about 5 feet tall, slender build, sallow complexion, dressed in a dark blue suit, dark fedora hat and a black tie.

Capt. Judge and officers of the tenth precinct made a quick response when the "flash" of the robbery came in. Judge was sitting in his automobile in front of the station and rushed to the scene with Officers Mohler, Flood and North.

The robbery today was the second bank robbery in the history of the National Capital, the first having occurred about a year ago at the Munsey Trust Company, when a man declared to have been a Western Union agent, failed in his attempt.

**BUREAU HEAD NAMED.**  
Capt. William A. Moffett Nominated for Aeronautics Post.

Capt. William A. Moffett was nominated by President Harding today to be chief of the Navy Department's bureau of aeronautics, with the rank of rear admiral.

Capt. Moffett is at present director of the district of Columbia, in the operations. He is from South Carolina and entered the Navy in 1886. He was made captain in the battleship Mississippi.

**50-50 BILL LAID OVER.**  
Senator King Objects to Measure Being Taken Up.

When the Jones bill to restore the half-and-half plan of appropriating for the district of Columbia was reached during consideration of the Senate calendar today, Senator King of Utah objected to its being taken up and the bill went over.

Senator Jones, gave notice, however, that when the bill was reached the next time the calendar was taken up and must be taken up, the bill, and insist upon some action on it.

The bill proposing to establish daylight saving for the district so far as the government departments and the street railways are concerned also went over on objection by Senator King.

**CABLE PRIVILEGE ASKED.**  
Western Union Wants Concessions Into Germany.

BERLIN, July 17.—In addition to negotiations for the Imperial German authorities and representatives of the Mackay Company regarding the laying of a direct cable between Germany and the United States, the Lokal Anzeiger says similar concessions have been requested by the Western Union and the Commercial Cable companies.

The newspaper adds that negotiations also are proceeding with two American companies for the establishment of an American wireless station in Germany.

**50 FIREMEN OVERCOME.**  
NEW YORK, July 18.—Fifty firemen were overcome today in fighting a \$1,000,000 fire in the building of the Phoenix Cheese Company on Greenwich street, on the west of lower Manhattan.

Compelled the firefighters to work in relays.

## Shell Shock Revived By Clap of Thunder Patient Has Aphasia

NEW YORK, July 18.—A sudden clap of thunder in last Friday's storm is believed by physicians to have revived shell-shock symptoms in Lieut. George Hamon of Ardmore, Okla., who is being treated in a hospital here today.

Lieut. Hamon was found wandering in Weehawken, N. J., a victim of aphasia. A letter in his pocket addressed to a relative in Ardmore by the lieutenant, said physicians had warned him that a sudden noise might bring about a recurrence of his ailment contracted in France.

Lieut. Hamon is a nephew of the late James L. Hamon, republican national committee man for Oklahoma.

## Ham Says 7 Cents Can Be Withstood if Electric Rate Is 10 Cents.

The proposition to reduce street car fares in the District by increasing rates for electric current was brought formally to the attention of the public utilities commission today, following an unsuccessful effort to have the plan considered Saturday during the street car strike.

William F. Ham, president of the Potomac Electric Power Company, testifying before the commission today on the company's application to continue the existing electric rates of 8 1/2 cents per kilowatt hour, told the commission that street car fares could be reduced to 7 cents if the company is permitted to charge 10 cents for electric current, which is the price the power company pays.

Effort was made by William McK. Clancy, representing the Federation of Labor Associations, to have the commission reduce the rate to 10 cents, but the hearing was called for the afternoon and the commission of the existing rate of 8 1/2 cents. Chairman Kutz overruled the objection.

**\$2,000,000 Is Impounded.**  
While the Potomac Electric Power Company is collecting the old rate of 10 cents, it is impounding, under a court order, the amount of \$2,000,000 collected. The amount impounded to date is more than \$2,000,000.

The commission said that a rate would not be unreasonable, and insisted that inasmuch as the Washington, D. C., power company owns the Peppco, the commission could, with all legal right, order the power company to charge a fair rate for service it renders, which, in the opinion of the commission, would be 10 cents, with the same time allowed the railway company to meet its difficulties through the use of the electric current at reasonable rates.

The witness stated that the suburban lines of the railway company are being operated at a loss, and that this condition cannot be kept up indefinitely. Some way will have to be found, he said, to reduce the rate and the best way, apparently, would be to permit the railway company to use the power of the power company at a rate of 10 cents per kilowatt hour, which would allow the railway company to meet its difficulties through the use of the electric current at reasonable rates.

**Clayton Questions Claim.**  
Mr. Ham's statement that the suburban lines of the railway company are being operated at a loss, was questioned by Mr. Clayton, who stated that the railway company had been operating at a profit for some time, and that the railway company was not in a position to claim a loss.

He charged the company with having appeared before the commission and having asked for a rate of 10 cents, and that the company was not in a position to claim a loss.

At the railway hearing before the commission today, the railway company was successful in preventing consideration of the plan to bolster up the railway earnings with power company's revenues. He blocked consideration of the plan on the ground that the question of power rates was not before the commission.

**Efforts to Block Fall.**  
Today's efforts by Mr. Clayton to definitely block consideration of this proposal failed, because Chairman Kutz, in his opinion, was not in a position to claim a loss.

But the company, elsewhere in its petition leaves no doubt as to its desire for adequate relief by praying the commission to grant it whatever relief it may be entitled to in order to enable it to function efficiently.

**Will Install Storage Battery.**  
When the hearing began today Mr. Ham made an announcement which was received with every satisfaction by the commission. He announced that the company was planning to install a storage battery to cost \$100,000, which will be installed before November in its sub-station on 10th street. This improvement is expected to prevent interruptions in the service. The company also is spending \$200,000 on improvements to the Benning plant.

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## WILSON DEMANDED BRITAIN PAY DEBTS

Ex-President's Reply to  
Lloyd George Goes Into  
Congressional Record.

A letter from former President Wilson to Premier Lloyd George, of Britain's indebtedness to this nation, was published today in the Congressional Record.

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## Dying Engineer Makes Vain Effort To Stop His Train

ALTOONA, Pa., July 18.—Alvin G. Laughlin, fifty-five years old, engineer of the Pennsylvania train No. 18, Chicago mail east, died with his hand on the throttle, and his body hanging from the controls, at 7:35 o'clock last night. Engineer Laughlin apparently felt himself sinking, so he made a vain effort to shut off the power and bring his train to a stop.

Fireman Theodore Hittner, who was on duty, saw the engineer's condition and rushed to the throttle and hauled the train.

## HARDING OIL NOTE IS READ IN HOUSE

President's Plea Against  
Duty Made Public—Fordney  
Holds Up Second Letter.

President Harding's letter of June 30 to Chairman Fordney of the House ways and means committee opposing the imposition of a duty on crude petroleum and fuel oil and suggesting a bargaining provision "to guard against the levy of duties against us," was presented to the House today by Mr. Fordney. The text differed materially from recently published versions of the communication, and in reply to questions Mr. Fordney said there was another letter from the President, which he did not propose to read.

**Text of President's Letter.**  
The text of the President's letter of June 30 follows:

"I understand that your committee is very soon to decide whether to include a protective duty on crude oil in the tariff bill to be reported to the House. I cannot refrain from expressing the hope that your committee will take note of the foreign policy which has been followed by this country in the development of the oil resources in many foreign lands."

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